

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1350

Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 66744 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1350, as introduced, Cogdill. Public postsecondary education: dual admissions program.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make a provision applicable.

An existing provision of the Donahoe Higher Education Act requires the Trustees of the California State University, and requests the Regents of the University of California, to establish a dual admissions program, commencing with the 2004–05 academic year, in which eligible freshman applicants are offered the opportunity to enter into a dual admissions agreement with one of those institutions. This provision requires the agreement to include a guarantee that the student will be admitted to the institution if the student successfully completes lower division coursework at a community college. Existing law also requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, as appropriate, to offer counseling

services to each student participant to ensure that the student is informed of the program requirements.

Existing law also requires the agreement to guarantee that the community college campus attended by a participating student will waive the fees of any participating student who enrolls in the 2004-05 academic year, irrespective of financial need, for up to 2 academic years. This provision further requires that, for participating students who enroll in the 2005-06 academic year and subsequent years, the community college campus will waive the fees of any participating student who is financially needy, as defined.

This bill would instead require that any student who participates in the dual admission program will have his or her community college fees waived for up to 2 academic years, irrespective of financial need.

Pursuant to existing law, this bill would apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make it applicable.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66744 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 66744. (a) (1) Commencing with the 2004–05 academic
4 year, and each academic year thereafter, the Trustees of the
5 California State University shall establish a dual admissions
6 program for eligible freshman applicants. Under this program,
7 eligible freshman applicants may be offered the opportunity to
8 enter into a dual admissions agreement with the California State
9 University.

10 (2) Student participation in the dual admissions program under
11 this subdivision is voluntary. It is the intent of the Legislature
12 that the incentives provided in paragraph (3) shall encourage
13 students otherwise eligible for admission to the California State
14 University to attend a campus of the California Community
15 Colleges for their lower-division coursework.

16 (3) The agreement shall include, but is not necessarily limited
17 to, all of the following incentives:

1 (A) A guarantee that the student will be admitted to a
2 California State University campus during a future academic
3 year, provided that the student successfully completes
4 lower-division transfer requirements at a campus of the
5 California Community Colleges.

6 (B) Notwithstanding Section 76300, for each student who
7 enrolls under this subdivision at a campus of the California
8 Community Colleges pursuant to the dual admissions program ~~in~~
9 ~~the 2004–05 academic year~~, a guarantee that any campus of the
10 California Community Colleges shall waive fees for up to two
11 academic years, irrespective of financial need, while that student
12 is enrolled at that campus.

13 ~~(C) For each student who enrolls, under this subdivision, at a~~
14 ~~campus of the California Community Colleges pursuant to the~~
15 ~~dual admissions program in the 2005–06 academic year, or any~~
16 ~~academic year thereafter, a guarantee that any campus of the~~
17 ~~California Community Colleges shall waive fees for each~~
18 ~~financially needy student. For the purposes of this paragraph,~~
19 ~~financial need shall be determined by the standards established~~
20 ~~by the Board of Governors of the California Community~~
21 ~~Colleges in Section 58620 of Title 5 of the California Code of~~
22 ~~Regulations or in a successor regulation.~~

23 ~~(D)~~ A guarantee that the student will receive counseling
24 services from the California State University to ensure that the
25 student is informed of the appropriate course requirements to be
26 eligible for transfer to the California State University, and is also
27 informed of the various financial aid options.

28 (4) The Chancellor of the California State University shall
29 annually submit to the Director of Finance, as part of the budget
30 preparation process, an estimate of the number of students
31 expected to participate, under this subdivision, in the dual
32 admissions program in the succeeding academic year.

33 (b) (1) Commencing with the 2004–05 academic year, and
34 each academic year thereafter, the Legislature requests that the
35 Regents of the University of California establish a dual
36 admissions program for eligible freshman applicants. Under this
37 program, eligible freshman applicants may be offered the
38 opportunity to enter into a dual admissions agreement with the
39 University of California.

(2) Student participation in the dual admissions program under this subdivision is voluntary. It is the intent of the Legislature that the incentives provided in paragraph (3) shall encourage students otherwise eligible for admission to the University of California to attend a campus of the California Community Colleges for their lower-division coursework.

(3) The agreement shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, all of the following incentives:

(A) A guarantee that the student will be admitted to a University of California campus during a future academic year, provided that the student successfully completes lower-division transfer requirements at a campus of the California Community Colleges.

(B) Notwithstanding Section 76300, for each student who enrolls under this subdivision at a campus of the California Community Colleges pursuant to the dual admissions program ~~in the 2004-05 academic year~~, a guarantee that any campus of the California Community Colleges shall waive fees for up to two academic years, irrespective of financial need, while that student is enrolled at that campus.

~~(C) For each student who enrolls, under this subdivision, at a campus of the California Community Colleges pursuant to the dual admissions program in the 2005-06 academic year, or any academic year thereafter, a guarantee that any campus of the California Community Colleges shall waive fees for each financially needy student. For the purposes of this paragraph, financial need shall be determined by the standards established by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in Section 58620 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations or in a successor regulation.~~

~~(D)~~ A guarantee that the student will receive counseling services from the University of California to ensure that the student is informed of the appropriate course requirements to be eligible for transfer to the University of California, and is also informed of the various financial aid options.

(4) The President of the University of California is requested to annually submit to the Director of Finance, as part of the budget preparation process, an estimate of the number of students expected to participate, under this subdivision, in the dual admissions program in the succeeding academic year.

1 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
3 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
4 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

5 In order that this act may go into effect prior to the
6 commencement of the 2005-06 academic year, it is necessary
7 that it take effect immediately.

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